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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the paragraph continuing from the top of page 21 to read:

--was obtained with 70 units of AluI on 10 mg of genomic DNA for 20 min. T4 DNA polymerase (Boehringer) and dNTPs (Boehringer) were added to polish the DNA ends. After extraction with phenol-chloroform the digest was size-fractionated on an agarose gel. The genomic DNA fragments with a length of 0.5 to 1.25 kb were eluted from the gel by